SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are actively considering to set up a Public Utility Commission, which will be empowered to clear or veto any Ministry's decision on consumer related affairs; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Earlier, a Working Group under the aegis of the Central Consumer Protection Council, submitted a report recommending the setting up of a quasi-judicial mechanism on the pattern of Public Utilities Commissions in USA. A decision on the report has to be taken in consultation with State Governments and the concerned Ministries/Departments.

**Inventory management practices of Super Bazar**

7309 SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the type of inventory management practices being followed by Super Bazar and its control room:

(b) the average time taken by Super Bazar between procurement of foodgrain, furniture and other items and supply to its stores branches:

(c) whether some of the items are always out of stock and are not supplied in regular time schedule:

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Super Bazar has an inventory exceeding Rs. 2000/- crores; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Super Bazar has reported that they have fixed inventory norms for each department which inter-alia prescribe a monthly turnover ratio and the the value of inventory at a given point of time. Control room only monitors daily sales of mini branches.

(b) Super Bazar procures foodgrains by calling traders on fortnightly basis. Orders are placed as per requirement of the Regional Distribution Centres giving three days supply time.

(c) This does happen rarely when there is disruption in regular supply.

(d) (i) In case supply is not in accordance with the quality specifications.

(ii) Discontinuance of supply from manufacturing unit because of the manufacturer's own problems but in such cases Super Bazar always tries to keep the substitutes of such items.

(e) and (f) So, Sir.

**Inadequate supply of wheat to Orissa**

7310. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the rate at which what is presently allotted to different Sates